

# FIRE CHIEF STUDY GUIDE

A written examination for the class of **FIRE CHIEF** to be administered in **RAPIDES FPD #2** on **APRIL 29, 2010**, will consist of approximately 120 multiple-choice questions. The examination will test your knowledge in the following subject areas:

<b>SUBJECT AREA/KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE % OF EXAM</b>
<b>FIRE ADMINISTRATION</b>  Knowledge of the principles of effective fire service administration, including management theory and organizational behavior, planning and research, productivity evaluation, risk management, and establishing a system for internal department controls; financial management; and managing equipment.	24.2%
<b>PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT / EMPLOYEE RELATIONS</b>  Knowledge of accepted practices in personnel management and of the procedures for developing and maintaining an effective employee relations program, including recruitment and selection, performance evaluation, grievance resolution, and applicable provisions of civil service law.	12.5%
<b>INFORMATION MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of effective information management practices, including establishing policy for and overseeing a system for the preparation, control, and retention of records. Knowledge of the information gathering process and compilation of data into an effective written format for correspondence, reports, and other formal departmental communications.	9.2%
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS / PUBLIC FIRE PREVENTION</b>  Knowledge of effective public relations practices which foster a positive public image of the department through contact with the media, other agencies, and the public. Knowledge of procedures involved in developing and conducting a fire prevention/public education program to address specific community needs.	9.2%
<b>SUPERVISION</b>  Knowledge of the practices and techniques used in effective supervision in order to plan, organize, direct, and evaluate the work of subordinates, to resolve conflicts, and to maintain discipline.	18.3%

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<b>TRAINING</b>  Knowledge of the procedures for evaluating the training needs of the department and for developing and implementing an effective training program.	5.8%
<b>FIRE GROUND COMMAND/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>  Knowledge of the procedures necessary to manage operations at the scene of a fire or other emergency, in order to develop and implement an emergency management system; to direct and control emergency operations, including the handling of hazardous materials; to monitor the activities of command staff; to provide a system of emergency medical care; and to establish and implement fireground communications.	15.0%
<b>PRE-FIRE PLANNING &amp; FIRE INSPECTION</b>  Knowledge of fire safety codes in order to direct a program of fire inspections, and pre-fire planning.	5.8%

### REFERENCE LIST

While the entire list of reference material will be useful to you in your preparation for the upcoming examination, the **majority** of test questions are sourced from those references listed under the Primary List.

### PRIMARY REFERENCE MATERIAL

#### INTERNATIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ASSOCIATION (IFSTA)/ FIRE PROTECTION PUBLICATIONS (Training Manuals):

Chief Officer, 2nd ed., 2004.

Fire and Emergency Services Company Officer, 4th ed., 2007.

Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 6th ed., 1998.

**EFFECTIVE SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1120 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, 4th ed., 2005.

**NOTE: Obtain through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**MANAGEMENT IN THE FIRE SERVICE**, Carter, Harry R., and Rausch, Erwin, NFPA, Quincy Mass., 4th ed., 2008.

**MANAGING FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES**, International City Management Association (ICMA), 1140 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 1st ed., 2002.

**NOTE: Available through LSU Firemen Training Program or IFSTA Fire Protection Publications.**

**ADVANCED SUPERVISORY PRACTICES**, International City/County Management Association, 777 N. Capitol Street N.E., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201, 1992.

**FIRE COMMAND**, Brunacini, Alan V., NFPA, 2nd ed., 2002.

**FIRE PROTECTION HANDBOOK**, NFPA, 19th ed., 2003.

**EFFECTIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS**, Cutlip, Scott M./Center, Allen M./Broom, Glen M., Prentice-Hall, Inc., A Simon & Schuster Company, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 8th ed., 2000.

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